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SUBJECT: SHAH COMMISSION SUBMITS INTERIM REPORT TO GOI

1. GOI HOME MINISTER CHARAN SINGH DISCLOSED IN
PARLIAMENT MARCH 13 THAT THE SHAH COMMISSION OF
INQUIRY HAD SUBMITTED AN INTERIM REPORT TO THE
GOVERNMENT ON ITS INVESTIGATION INTO THE ALLEGED
"EXCESSES" OF MRS. GANDHI'S EMERGENCY REGIME. MOST
OF THE HEARINGS CONDUCTED THUS FAR BY JUSTICE SHAH
INVOLVED CASES DEALING WITH THE CIRCUMSTANCES
SURROUNDING THE PROCLAMATION OF THE EMERGENCY IN
JUNE, 1975 AS WELL AS SEVERAL ALLEGED ABUSES OF
AUTHORITY BY HER GOVERNMENT DURING THE EMERGENCY
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ITSELF. CHARAN SINGH STATED THAT THE HOME MINISTRY
AND THE CABINET WOULD REQUIRE ABOUT THREE WEEKS TO
EXAMINE JUSTICE SHAH'S FINDINGS, AFTER WHICH THE
INTERIM REPORT WOULD BE SUBMITTED TO PARLIAMENT. HE
ALSO SAID THAT THE GOI WOULD TAKE FOLLOW-UP ACTION
ON THE REPORT IN CONSULTATION WITH THE LAW MINISTRY.

2. ALTHOUGH CHARAN SINGH DECLINED TO DISCLOSE THE
SUBSTANCE OF THE SHAH COMMISSION REPORT, TWO DELHI
NEWSPAPERS REPORTED TODAY (MARCH 14) THAT THE
COMMISSION " IS UNDERSTOOD" TO HAVE CONCLUDED THAT THE
PROCLAMATION OF THE EMERGENCY WAS UNWARRANTED. AC-
CORDING TO THESE ACCOUNTS, JUSTICE SHAH INDICATED
MRS. GANDHI FOR ABUSE OF AUTHORITY AND SUBVERSION OF
LAWFUL PRACTICES IN DECLARING THE EMERGENCY, AS WELL
AS FOR MISUSING MASS MEDIA TO PROMOTE THE "PERSONALITY
CULT" OF HERSELF AND HER SON, SANJAY.
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